

## RECORDING MEDIUM AND TAPE DRIVE DEVICE

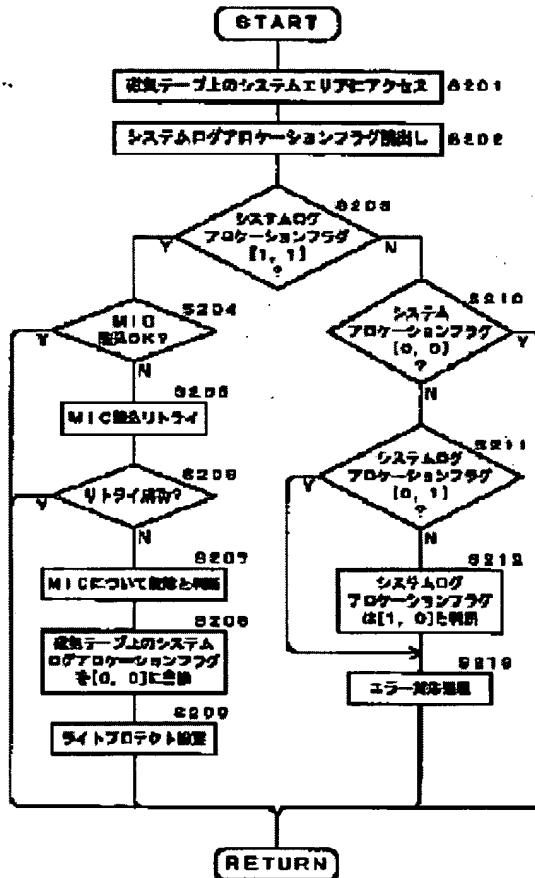
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## Abstract of JP2000182357

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To improve the reliability or the property as equipment by forming a tape drive device provided with the function compatible to both formats of a tape cassette furnished with an MIC (nonvolatile memory) and a tape cassette not furnished with the MIC.

**SOLUTION:** When the tape cassette having the possibility of being furnished with an MIC wherein a system log is stored, is loaded, e.g. the system log to be used by the tape drive device with priority is discriminated whether it exists in the magnetic tape or in the MIC, based on the system log allocation flag read out from the magnetic tape. In the case the system log to be used with priority exists in the MIC, when the read-out is not allowed against the MIC, the system log to be used with priority is rewritten to the contents showing that the system log to be used with priority exists in the magnetic tape as to the system log allocation flag of the magnetic tape. By this procedure, this tape cassette is managed on the system as the one not furnished with the MIC, thereafter.



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